

2010 Sesquicentennial Signature Event

"The Coming of the Civil War"
November 12-13, 2010

"The Tennessee Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission leads a state effort to promote, fund and preserve the complete story of Tennessee's Civil War and its legacy."

Friday, November 12, 2010

Agenda

Sesquicentennial Announcement 10:00 - Noon
Location: Jackson Hall, Tennessee Performing Arts Center

Master of Ceremony
Susan Whitaker, Commissioner
Tennessee Department of Tourist Development

Welcome from the City of Nashville
Mayor Karl Dean

Special Music Presentation by The Fisk Jubilee Singers

Official Kick-off of 150th Commemoration of Civil War
Governor Phil Bredesen, State of Tennessee

Introduction of Special Guest
Dr. Carroll Van West, Director
Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area

Special Remarks
James Lighthizer, President
Civil War Preservation Trust

Preview of Civil War Documentary Trailer
Trace Adkins

Overview of the Civil War
Dr. Carroll Van West, Director
Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area

Special Recognition of Tennessee Civil War Trails Communities
Susan Whitaker, Commissioner, TDTD
Dr. Carroll Van West, Director
Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area

Winners of History Day Contest invited to attend Sesquicentennial Announcement.

Living History Event 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Location: Bicentennial Mall
**Open to School Children and Public*

Living history event will include Historical Presentation Stations offering Confederate and Union living history encampments, first person interpreter, music, flag presentations, and civilian demonstrations.

Hoofbeats in the Heartland Tour 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Location: Tennessee State Museum

Tennessee was the primary battlefield of the Civil War in the west, with more than 400 battles and skirmishes within its borders. Join us as we explore Hoofbeats in the Heartland hosted by the Tennessee State Museum.

Civil War Sesquicentennial Interpretation, Special Projects, & Exhibits Workshop 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Location: Tennessee State Library & Archives

Training offered to professionals and volunteers from historic sites and organizations, featuring Civil War interpretation and organizing of the "Looking Back on Tennessee" project.

Workshop hosted by the Tennessee State Library & Archives, Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area, and the Tennessee State Museum.

VIP Reception 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Location: Tennessee State Museum
Thank you reception, to include live performance of period music, for Commission members, sponsors, legislators, and speakers.
Reception hosted by the Tennessee State Museum



2010 Signature Event

Saturday, November 13, 2010

"The Coming of the Civil War"

War Memorial Building

"The Coming of the Civil War"
November 12-13, 2010

Registration 8:00 am – 9:00 am

Location: War Memorial Building

Welcome 9:00 am – 9:15 am

Commissioner Susan Whitaker

Tennessee Department of Tourist Development

Moderator:

Dr. Carroll Van West, Director

Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area

Session I 9:15 am – 9:45 am

The Election of 1860

Speaker: Paul Bergeron, PhD, Distinguished Scholar

Examine the politics of the 1850s and the fateful election of 1860. The election of Abraham Lincoln over Tennessee favorite son John Bell, Stephen Douglas, and John C. Breckinridge deeply affected Tennessee and its political leadership.

Session 2 9:45 am – 10:15 am

Abolition, Fugitive Slaves, and Free Blacks

Speaker: Bobby Lovett, PhD, Tennessee State University

Experts on the issues of slavery and freedom will discuss the African American experience in Tennessee on the eve of the Civil War. Was abolition a possibility in the absence of military action?

BREAK 10:15 am – 10:30 am

Session 3 10:30 am – 11:00 am

Tennessee's Once and Future Military Leaders

Speaker: Tim Johnson, PhD, Lipscomb University

In the coming war, Tennessee would contribute some of the brightest military leaders to the USA and CSA – such as David Farragut and Nathan Bedford Forrest – and a few of the most inept – such as Gideon Pillow. What were these men doing before the coming of the war? Some were Army veterans from the Mexican War, some would emerge from civilian ranks.

Keynote Address 11:00 am – 11:45 am

The Coming of the War

Introduction of Keynote: Representative Steve McDaniel

Keynote Scholar

Sam Davis Elliott, Historian and Author

Closing Session 11:45 am – 12:30 pm

Was Secession Inevitable?

Introduction of Moderator: Senator Bill Ketron

Moderator

Robert Hicks, Historian and Author

Panelists

Paul Bergeron, PhD, Distinguished Scholar

Bobby Lovett, PhD, Tennessee State University

Tim Johnson, PhD, Lipscomb University

In the closing session, panelists will discuss if secession could have been avoided or whether it was inevitable.

LUNCH 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

Music of the Civil War 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Music was a large part of life during the Civil War, both in the camps and at home. It was not only a major source of entertainment, but it was also a way to give voice to feelings that words alone often could not express.

Living History Event 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Location: Bicentennial Mall

Living history event will include Historical Presentation Stations offering Confederate and Union living history encampments, first person interpreter, music, flag presentations, and civilian demonstrations.

Hoofbeats in the Heartland Tour 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Location: Tennessee State Museum

Tennessee was the primary battlefield of the Civil War in the west, with more than 400 battles and skirmishes within its borders. Join us as we explore Hoofbeats in the Heartland hosted by the Tennessee State Museum.